

MINERS APPEAL FOR THEIR SCHOOL

McCurtain, Okla., Mar., 26—
Whereas, March 20th. 1912, at 9:05 o'clock a. m., without a moments warning, and in the twinkling of an eye, 73 sturdy men and bread winners were swept into eternity by the awful explosion at mine No. 2, at this place, leaving 160 widows and orphans without means of support, and

Whereas, the result of this dreadful accident have called forth from this and adjoining states so many touching expressions of sympathy and in calling forth so much needed material aid, and

Whereas, we, the surviving members of mine workers local union No. 1170, McCurtain, Oklahoma, desire to express our sincere appreciation of this kindness and contribute our plea, for means and methods which will, as far as possible, prevent the recurrence of such a calamity;

NOW, Therefore, On our own account, but in especially in behalf of the widows and orphans of our deceased fellow workers, we do most sincerely thank the people of Oklahoma, and of adjoining state for their sympathy and aid in this our hour of grief.

While our despair and grief are too great to permit any spirit of criticism, we cannot but feel it our duty towards the thousand of others of this state, who daily toil amid the dangers of the mine to appeal to those in authority to do all possible to minimise the death rate in this industry. The legislature of this state, wisely enough, passed laws requiring those who hold responsible places about the mines to pass an examination, and subsequently the legislature created a school of mines to equip men for these responsible positions. Sadly but truthfully we call attention to the fact that hardly had this school begun its important mission, before conspiracy had been formed to wipe it out of existence and now that this conspiracy is about to take form in the spare and under the name of the so-called Aikin bill, we call upon the State Federations of labor, the farmers and mechanics, the bankers and the profession men, we call upon all religious, fraternal, social and business organizations, and we call upon the newspapers to join with the

miners of this state in making such a campaign against the foul conspirators, who seek to destroy our school, that they will hang their heads in shame when they think of the dead, the widows and orphans caused by these dreadful calamities.

Shall the state, which spends thousands of dollars to protect its game, destroy a school which seeks to protect human life? Let the people of this state with one accord, petition the Governor and Board of Affairs to carry out the will of the legislature by expending a few huddrd dollars, now in the treasury, in installing the thousands of dollars worth of machinery purchased for this school but never set up, to the end that the school may in earnest carry on the work for which it was created.

H. B. Long, Pres.
Oscar Bagley, Sec.
L. U. No. 1170, U. M. W. of A.

Political Announcements—

For Superior Clerk.

The Miner is authorized to announce W. V. Buckner of McAlester as candidate for Superior Court Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

For District Clerk

The Miner is authorized to announce Chas. L. Hefley of McAlester as a candidate for the office of the District Clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

The Miner is authorized to announce Felix G. Gillock as a candidate for District Clerk of Pittsburg County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 6.

For County Clerk.

The Miner is authorized to announce W. S. O'Neal as candidate for county clerk of Pittsburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic county primary.

For County Superintendent

We are authorized to announce T. A. Craighead, of Krebs as a candidate for Instruction of Pittsburg county, subject to the democratic primaries in August, 1912.

For County Sheriff

Boyd Martin, of Bache, Okla., authorizes the Miner to announce that he is a candidate for sheriff of Pittsburg county subject to the action of the democratic primary.

The Miner is authorized to announce D. J. Tatum as a candidate for re-election for sheriff of Pittsburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August.

The Miner is authorized to announce the candidacy of John P. Gilles for sheriff of Pittsburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For Commissioner.

P. S. Lester authorizes the Miner to announce that he is a candidate for commissioner of Pittsburg county, third commissioner's district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

The Miner is authorized to announce J. D. Tannehill as a candidate for Commissioner district No 3 subject Democratic primaries Aug. 6th.

For State Representative

The Miner is authorized to announce A. C. Sewell of Halleyville as a candidate for State Representative subject action Democratic primaries Aug. 6th.

For Sale—One three room house one half block from car stop. See Krebs Lumber Co.

To Prosecute 80.
Seoul.—Eighty conspirators, most of whom it is alleged are native Presbyterians, are to be prosecuted for an attempt made in December, 1910, on the life of Count Terauchi, governor general of Korea.

CHIEF OF THE PAPAL GUARD

Col. Repond, Retired Officer of the Swiss Army, Their Commander—Pontiff Lauds Soldiers.

London.—Col. Repond, the retired staff officer of the Swiss army, who has been called by Pius X. to succeed the late Baron Meyer von Schauensee as commander of the Pontifical Swiss Guard, is decidedly a martinet. The Swiss Guard was formed in 1505, and now consists of 103 men, rank and file, who still continue their traditional duties of mounting guard at the bronze door and in the papal ante-chambers. As soon as he assumed command the colonel set about thoroughly reorganizing the corps. He realized at once that the artistic uniform designed by Michael Angelo



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Members of Guard in Uniform.

was not adapted for drilling and he provided his men with a serviceable plain uniform to be worn for fatigue duty. The colonel likewise discarded the old Remington rifles used by the Swiss Guards and had them replaced with modern Mausers. He relegated the traditional halberds, cross blitted long swords and steel breastplates and helmets to use exclusively on great ceremonial functions.

The men are now drilled for several hours daily, they have target practice once a month and every week they are marched for many hours around the Vatican gardens, where they also have physical drill.

Evidently the men complained of too much work. The Liberal papers took the case up and ridiculed the colonel's warlike spirit, which they said was useless, since the Pope was in no danger and the Swiss Guards would never be called to protect him or defend the Vatican since the Italian army was always available.

The Pope reads all the Roman papers, and when Col. Repond was received in audience recently to congratulate the Pope on his name day on the Feast of St. Joseph he said to him:

"Dear Colonel, I must congratulate you on making my Swiss Guards earn their pay and at the same time I thank you for training them, as I rely more on them for the defense of my person than on the Italian army."

TIP LANDS MAN IN PRISON

Suspected of Theft, He Proves Coin Gift Was Given Him by a Patron.

Los Angeles.—Arrested on a charge of having stolen twenty-five cents from the cash register of the Globe Dairy Lunch at 560 South Main street, M. L. Strawn, formerly employed at the place as a waiter, proved before Judge Chambers that the money which he was accused of stealing had been given him as a tip by M. Tinsley, Central avenue meat dealer.

G. A. Barraclough, manager of the lunch, testified that he placed marked money in the register. On April 1 he saw Strawn place his hand in his pocket after ringing up a sale on the register, and believed he had taken a coin from the register. An officer was called, and on searching Strawn a marked twenty-five-cent piece was found.

Strawn explained that Tinsley had paid his bill with a dollar, and on receiving the change had given him the twenty-five-cent piece.

Long Auto Ride to Save Injured Dog.
Greeley, Colo.—Rather than have his pet shepherd dog shot when its leg was broken by the kick of a cow, C. H. Ford put the dog in his automobile and rode 20 miles to a veterinary surgeon. The broken leg was set and the animal will soon be on its feet again.

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